

I have subscribed to satellite radio for almost a year now, and originally subscribed to be able to access a variety of music and quality that is not available in my area's local radio district, or in any other that I know of. Satellite radio (xm) provides me with the ability to select what I listen to and when. I am not forced to listen to mainstream music that litters the local waves with constant repetition.

As part of my access to satellite radio, i rely on traffic and weather features through this service on a daily basis. They, are better and easier to access through satellite, due to the fact that I get the information I need as soon as i tune into that station. On local airwaves, I usually have to wait at least 10 minutes before I can get a traffic report. Those 10 minutes can be crucial in my changing my route to avoid an accident or construction that I may not know of.

Having the choice of what I listen to is my right as a citizen of the United States. That is why I am asking the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160.

I pay for satellite radio because I demand and deserve quality programming. I expect that to continue.

Thank you.  
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